

# Warekena language

**Guarekena** (Warekena) is an Arawakan language of Brazil and of Maroa Municipality in Venezuela. It is one of several languages which goes by the generic name Baré and *Baniwa/Baniva* – in this case, *Baniva de Maroa*.

Kaufman (1994) classified it in a Warekena group of Western Nawiki Upper Amazonian, Aikhenvald (1999) in Eastern Nawiki.

Personal pronouns in Warekena are formed by adding an emphatic suffix *-ya* to the cross-referencing personal prefixes.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Grammar

Unmarked constituent order is AVO, VS<sub>o</sub>, S<sub>a</sub>V, or S<sub>io</sub>V.<sup>[4]</sup>

AVO:

*wa-hã wa fi yut fia-hã ema*

then-PAUS jaguar kill-PAUS tapir

"Then the jaguar killed the tapir"

VS<sub>o</sub>:

*fupe-hẽ fiani-pe*

many-PAUS child-PL

"Children are many"

S<sub>a</sub>V:

*peya nu-ya litua wiyua*

one 1sg-brother die

"One of my brothers dies"

S<sub>io</sub>V:

*nu-yue mawali*

1sg-for hungry

"I am hungry"

Warekena	
Baniwa of Maroa	
<i>Guarekena</i>	
Native to	Brazil, Venezuela
Native speakers	650 (2001–2006) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Arawakan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northern<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upper Amazon<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Orinoco<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Warekena</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	gae
Glottolog	guar1293 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/guar1293">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/guar1293</a> ) <div>Baniva de Maroa<sup>[2]</sup></div> ware1255 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ware1255">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ware1255</a> ) <div>Warekena Velha (identities confused)<sup>[3]</sup></div>

Indirect objects tend to be placed immediately after the predicate.

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